

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRAI RECOMMENDATIONS ON LOCAL CABLE TV SECTOR

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has approached the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for its recommendations on regulating local cable TV sector in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the TRAI has submitted its recommendations to the Government; and
- (d) If so, the details of major recommendations and if not, the time by which the TRAI is likely to submit its report to the Government ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.))

(a) to (d) The Cable Television Networks Regulation Act, 1995 does not provide a framework for regulation of local or ground based television channels. The Ministry had sought recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 17.01.2013 on the matter. TRAI has submitted its recommendations on 19.03.2014 titled "Regulatory framework for Platform Services". Detailed recommendations are available on the TRAI website at www.trai.gov.in.